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SUPPLEMENT

- 25X1X 1. A meeting of SMA and SED leaders was held in the Central Secre- 25X1
tariat of the SED, 24 February 1947, to consider political policy
among railroad workers in the Russian Zone. 25X1

- 25X1 2. [redacted] demanded stricter democratization of the railroads.
There are too many Nazis, the workers are too con-
servative, political training is insufficient, administrative
methods are antiquated, there is too little initiative, plant
councillors do not know their jobs, trade unions are not active
enough. [redacted] asked the SED for suggestions.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] proposed the formation of transportation committees in the
Central Secretariat and in Bezirk and Kreis SED organizations to
consist of the local trade union leader (if he is a reliable SED
member) and representatives of SED groups in the railroad
directorates. These committees are to provide:
- a) Ideological control of workers,
 - b) Political education of workers,
 - c) Political education of plant councillors,
 - d) Democratization of administration by removing Nazis and milita-
riats and calling on all officials for public accounting to
the workers.

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- e) Supervision of transportation plans and of the treatment of employees by the administration.
- f) Formation of "active brigades" in repair shops to attain highest production by voluntary work.

25X1 4. [] reported that in some districts railroad officials had already given accountings to employees and that some SED groups had challenged others to voluntary production races. [] stated that this last is most important, because at present some 3800 locomotives are completely damaged (46% of total number). Fitzner promised his support in the political mobilization program.

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25X1 5. [] that 53,733 Nazis have been dismissed from the railroad but that 39,084 are still employed, including 18,350 in the Beamte category. The Lieutenant Colonel from the SMA Transportation Division replied that security of transportation is the deciding factor in the dismissal of Nazis. [] said that the SED viewpoint on denazification is stated in the papers and that the SED adheres to this statement in regard to railroads, also.

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25X1 6. It was unanimously agreed to form the transportation committees, directives for which are to be issued by the Central Secretariat. [] expressed his approval of the proposals made and the action taken.

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